

# NATIONAL JOB CORPS STUDY AGREEMENT TO PARTICIPATE

We want to know about your experiences with the Job Corps Program. The U.S. Department of Labor has asked Mathematica Policy Research, Inc. (MPR) to find out if Job Corps helps young people find and hold good jobs. Over the next few years they will be studying the program and looking at students' experiences before, during, and after being part of the program. The purpose of this form is to ask your permission to be part of the study.

By signing this AGREEMENT, you understand that:

- Everyone who applies to Job Corps must agree to be part of the study. *If you are eligible for Job Corps, a lottery or chance drawing will decide whether or not you will be selected to enter Job Corps.* About nine out of every ten eligible applicants will be selected to enter Job Corps.
- If you are *not* selected for Job Corps, it means you have been selected for a separate group, called a "control" group.
- If you are picked by chance for the control group, you will not be allowed to enroll in Job Corps for three years.

In addition:

- MPR may ask to interview you soon after you apply to Job Corps and three more times in the next four years. This is voluntary. You can decide not to be interviewed at any time. This will not affect your participation in Job Corps.
- Information gathered by MPR from interviewing you will be kept strictly confidential, unless the law requires or you ask otherwise in writing.
- All information from interviews with you for the National Job Corps Study will be used by Mathematica Policy Research, Inc., or other research organizations for the purposes of the study only. All information will be strictly confidential. The information will be reported in a manner in which you will not be identified.

I have read (or have had read to me) and understand this AGREEMENT, and I agree to be part of the study.

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Applicant Name Printed

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Date of Birth

\_\_\_\_\_  
Person Administering Form

## IF APPLICANT IS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or Guardian Name Printed

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## CONSENT FOR RECORDS RELEASE

As part of the National Job Corps Study, I give permission:

For the study team to gather and use information about me from records of public programs such as Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC), public assistance, Food Stamps, the Unemployment Insurance program, and criminal justice system records. These include arrest and conviction records, court records, and juvenile arrest and conviction records. This permission covers the period beginning one year before and ending seven years after the date I sign this form.

I understand that all information gathered through the use of this form for the National Job Corps Study will be used by Mathematica Policy Research, Inc. or other research organizations for the purposes of this study only. All information will be strictly confidential, unless the law requires or I request otherwise in writing. I give permission for information about me, as described above, to be used for the National Job Corps Study.

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